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Application No.: 10/600,177 Group: 1795
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Confirmation No.: 9752

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING AN AUTOMATED
BIOMOLECULAR PREPARATION SYSTEM

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 15, 2008 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please amend the application as follows: